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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-63 – E911 Surcharge

Dear Ms. Cottrell,

Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verzion MA") and the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board ("SETB") jointly file the enclosed Interim Surcharge Proposal, in accordance with the Department's directives, as set forth in the Notice of Investigation, dated May 29, 2003, in the above-captioned proceeding. That interim surcharge is intended to recover the costs associated with the provision of wireline enhanced 911 service, dual party TDD/TTY message relay service, and equipment distribution program for people with disabilities.

In this filing, Verizon MA and SETB propose an interim surcharge of \$.85. That surcharge is fully supported by the supporting documentation contained in this filing, which includes, *inter alia*, historical and forecasted cost data and a cost/revenue analysis for the five-year planning period, as requested by the Department. The proposed surcharge also recovers a portion of the pre-existing deficit incurred by Verizon MA to provide E911 and other services, as directed by the Department.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Anne Sousa

Enclosure

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